

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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"It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy Acts and thy wisdom."

"Behold, the Half Was Not Told"

"Thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard."

A General Review Given At 20th Annual Assembly

By F. J. Lee

I am sure that you are all glad of this glorious opportunity of attending this wonderful Assembly for the purpose of honoring God and glorifying His holy name.

Suppose that we all stand and with uplifted hands thank God for this glorious occasion. (Everyone stands with uplifted hands, praising God.)

We are now coming to the close of the Assembly year of 1925 and we consider that this has been one of the greatest years ever witnessed in the history of the Church of God. I do not know how you feel about it, but we at Headquarters have decided that this has been one of the greatest years for the Church of God of any in the past, and she has been making real history. I heard a certain minister say on a certain occasion that history is just simply His story, that is, God's story. You may think that this statement sounds very strange. I thought so, myself, when I first heard it, but after some meditation I decided that the statement was true to a great extent, for instance God told us all about the Gentile nations before it became history. He gave us a plain foreview of Babylon, then Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome as well as other nations of the world, also He told us about the course of the Jews, how that they would be taken to bondage then should in later years return to Jerusalem. He even told us of a certain king who should in later years return to Jerusalem. He even told us of a certain king who should play a prominent part in the return of the Jews. He even told the name of this king four hundred years before his birth so when Cyrus came on the scene his actions became history in harmony with His story, (God's story).

So when I speak of the history of the Church of God I am persuaded that we do no violence to proper terms when we say that it is His story.

Yes We Should Praise Him

Why should we not praise Him with uplifted hands when we realize that He is leading in all of our affairs and that the history of the Church of God from the beginning to the end or to this date is just simply His story?

Some may insist on saying that, "God has not been in the history of the Church, especially in the last three years."

To this I would say, It has not been hard to detect the hand of God in the affairs of the Church all the way through.

There have been many prophecies, visions and revelations for and against the Church of God, but while we believe in visions, dreams, prophecies and revelations I always rely upon good old Peter's statement, "We have a more sure word of prophecy." While Peter appreciated the voice from heaven and the transfiguration scene, for indeed it was a great vision, he has given us to understand that the Word of God must stand out very prominent above all visions, dreams and revelations, so after all, the officials have relied wholly upon "thus saith the Lord."

While we rely upon God and His Word first of all yet it is true we have an Elders Council,

but this is still God and His Word. This Council was established years ago and approved by the entire Assembly in session and it exists today as a great asset to the Church of God.

I consider that the Council has been a great factor in safeguarding His great cause in this world, so I appreciate the Elders Council, they have had this great work at heart, they have meditated over it, they have prayed over it, and through it God has directed His great cause. I have leaned upon them as well as upon God.

Many times have I been awakened in the dark hours of night and meditating and praying over the affairs of the Church. God has often through the Council in which He says there is safety consoled us and helped us to regulate affairs and move on in His great cause. Thank God for the Elders Council.

We Have Not Stood Alone

I feel sure that you appreciate them. The office exists because of it being a Bible doctrine.

We have not tried to stand alone and apart from God. While there have gone up thousands of prayers from loyal members of the great Church of God, we at the Evangel office have faithfully climbed the stairway to the upper room, here we have gained many victories, handkerchiefs have been sent forth to the suffering, and many have reported healing through this ministry.

Doubtless some have become discouraged along the way and jumped overboard and are trying to make the landing on their own little raft, but Paul said something about, except you stay on board you cannot be saved. The old ship of Zion is riding the waves, and we greatly appreciate her, and have never had any thought of jumping over board, though the storms rage, we have kept our eye on the Captain.

The Executive Council has tried to be faithful, everyone at his post of duty like officers on a great ship. I noticed the different men on the great boat Miami as we were going to Nassau, every one had his work to do, but there was an important man on an upper deck, he was looking through his field glasses, he seemed to be receiving and giving messages, he came down from above with a message for a certain man on board. This corresponds with the Great Captain who looks after the great Ship of Zion, having all of His officers in their respective place, working faithfully for the safe landing of the old ship.

The General Overseer has not tried to run the Bible school, but this has been in the hands of Brother Payne who has managed it very successfully. I can truthfully say the last term of the school was a complete success. Neither have we tried to edit the paper, but this has been in the hands of Brother Llewellyn, and it is needless for me to tell you that it has been a success for you can readily see this without any one telling you.

My business is to look after the interest of the work in general, helping to regulate affairs on the field and looking after (Continued on Page 3)

F. J. LEE AND OTHERS WILL HOLD OFFICES

No Change Is Made in the Executive Council

2,500 Out of Town

Delegates Attend

(Taken from Cleveland Herald of Oct. 23, 1925.)

Between 2,500 and 3,000 delegates, representing every state in the Union and two foreign countries, are in Cleveland this week attending the 20th Annual Assembly of the Church of God.

The two foreign countries sending representatives are Jamaica and Bahama Islands.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer, was re-elected to office at Wednesday's meeting, getting a vote that was almost unanimous; J. S. Llewellyn was chosen to succeed himself as editor and publisher of Church of God literature and T. S. Payne was re-elected to the office of superintendent of education. These three men form the executive council which guides the general business management of the church.

All available quarters have been opened for housing the visiting delegates. Local members of the church have offered the shelter of their homes to out-of-town members, but such accommodations proved inadequate, making it necessary to throw open barracks in the church and use one or two apartment houses. Tents are being used by a number of the delegates while others found lodging in hotels and rooming houses.

Every restaurant in the city has been crowded to capacity during meal times. Many of the visitors have waited their turn at the restaurant provided for them in the Auditorium basement.

Officers of the church say it is the greatest Assembly in the history of the organization.

The passing of each day finds the meeting increasing with spiritual fervor. Morning, noon and night the large auditorium is filled to overflowing. The services are almost endless. Life is stirring at all hours of the day and night.

One of the topics of the Assembly, that has caused much comment was the reading of reports about education in the church. T. S. Payne, superintendent of education, gave a good report of the work accomplished during the year.

Almost one entire day was taken up in the call of states which created a great deal of excitement over enthusiastic demonstrations at the hoisting of certain state banners.

At one of the evening services a brass band that came from Tampa, Fla., furnished an interesting program of music. The band music followed hymns sung by the local church choir which holds the banner for best singing in Bradley county.

Through this week and late Sunday night the Assembly will continue. At the close of Sunday night's session the delegates will start on their return journeys home.

State Overseers

Appointment of State Overseers for the Ensuing Assembly Year Are As Follows:

Alabama.—J. B. Ellis.
Arizona.—A. F. Sutter.
Arkansas.—J. M. Viney.
Bahamas.—Milton Padgett and W. V. Eneas.
Bermuda Island.—J. H. Ingram.
California.—A. F. Sutter.
Colorado.—O. R. Rouse.
Delaware.—H. W. Poteat.
Florida.—J. A. Self.
Georgia.—John L. Stephens.
Illinois.—M. W. Letsinger.
Indiana.—E. C. Clark.
Jamaica.—T. A. Sears.
Kansas.—E. C. Clark.
Kentucky.—G. A. Fore.
Louisiana.—J. C. Coats.
Maryland.—H. W. Poteat.
Maine.—H. W. Poteat.
Michigan.—M. P. Cross.
Mississippi.—G. C. Dunn.
Missouri.—E. C. Clark.
Minnesota.—Paul Walker.
Montana.—Paul Walker.
New Mexico.—O. R. Rouse.
North Carolina.—Roy E. Blackwood.
North Dakota.—Paul Walker.
Ohio.—E. Haynes.
Oklahoma.—A. L. Jenkins.
Pennsylvania.—H. W. Poteat.
South Carolina.—E. M. Ellis.
Tennessee.—T. L. McLain.
Texas.—R. P. Johnson.
Virginia.—W. B. Davis.
West Virginia.—H. N. Scoggins.
Colored Work.—David LaFleur.

Revival at Crab Orchard

I have just returned from Crab Orchard, Tenn., where we have had a grand revival.

Brother Ernest Dilbeck did most of the preaching. Brother Simmons was with us 2 nights and rendered his service. The Lord wonderfully blessed.

There were 50 saved, 23 received the Holy Ghost, and 24 were baptized in water before I left. The meeting was still going on when I left. Large crowds attended.

The Lord surely blesses Bro. Dilbeck in his work. He does not sugar coat his sermons. He preaches the Bible straight, but with love, and that is the way we have to do to win souls. We cannot be harsh with them and win them.

Sisters Dilbeck, Perkins and Legget assisted in the meeting. Pray for us.

Lucy A. Legget,
Sale Creek, Tenn.

God Answers Prayer

I praise God for saving my soul and adding me to the Church of God. Praise His name. When Brother W. F. Pierce and wife came to Dryden, Ark. and held a meeting I saw the light on the Church of God and accepted it, although the devil fought hard.

4 other souls were saved and added to the Church. I am glad I am serving a God who answers prayers.

Pray that God will save people at this place and that I will receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Ellen Pierce,
R. 5, Bx. 82, Jonesboro, Ark.

Mrs. J. C. Mauldin, Lavonia, Ga., writes that Jesus saved, sanctified and filled her with the Holy Ghost eight years ago. Her baby was burned with lye, the Lord healed him. He also healed her little boy of spasms. Her three children have never taken any medicine, they call for prayer when they get sick. She praises the Lord for it. She has a great desire to go through with Jesus and meet loved ones in heaven. She desires prayer that she may stand true.

Monday Night, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of 20th Annual Assembly

Mrs. H. L. Trim

We have come to the close of the 20th Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. I have been in every one but two since 1910 and feel that I can truthfully say that this one surpassed them all—it is the greatest one I have ever attended. I believe every minister and child of God feels like holding up the blood stained banner of King Immanuel as never before, and pressing forward in the battle for lost souls until He says, "Its enough come up higher." Oh such love, such fellowship, such unity, such joy prevailed—well it can't be told! This was like heaven, what will it mean to be there?

While sitting in this great gathering, feasting upon the deep spiritual truths as given out by God's anointed ones, and enjoying the great out-pourings of the Spirit, we thought of the many hungry ones who could not be here, so, dear ones, for your benefit and the glory of God, we will attempt to write a few of the wonderful happenings in this great convocation, but the half cannot be told.

As God's children began to come in from every direction—Texas, North Dakota, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Canada, etc. even days before the opening, we were so impressed with the gladness, joy, love and victorious spirit that dominated; every one seemed to have such love, joy, and victory.

By Monday night, October 19 at 7:15 the commodious Auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. From the beginning wave after wave of glory swept over the great congregation, which made us to feel and know that God was with us. There was much shouting and many wonderful demonstrations of the Spirit in the praise service. Brother Latimer's little girl was the first one on the floor dancing to the glory of God, followed by a great host of old and young dancing together.

Brother S. W. Latimer, gave the welcome address. He said in part, "The saints that have come from the East, West, North, South and Isles of the sea to attend this great Assembly, who have been telling of this wonderful salvation that brings joy and gladness to the people, no doubt feel repaid as you see the different ones gathered in this great Auditorium to praise God. Thank God! We are on our way to the City where there will be no night, and there will not be any more hard battles to fight. As I came in and looked at this great congregation I thanked God. I do not believe there are any people who love one another as the Church of God folks."

"The saints of the Church and good people of the city bid you welcome. The City of Cleveland is the most congenial city. I have ever seen, so I believe I can truthfully say you are in one of the best towns in the United States. Boys if you want to have a good time just get to be pastor at Cleveland."

"This is God's house, you are His people, this Auditorium belongs to you, you are His sons and daughters. We want you to shout and help yourselves. I do not believe there is any happier people in the world, who can feel good under all circum-

stances as these folks can. I want you to feel at home as you go into these homes, and so conduct yourselves that they will feel glad for you to come back again next year. Everything has been done and no stone left unturned that could be turned for your convenience.

"These good warriors who have gone forth in the mighty name of Jesus will some day lay their armour down if true and loyal, and have an abundant entrance into the City of God."

Response by E. M. Ellis: "I am mighty glad to be back again. I do feel at home here. I have found out that this is a good place to be and a good town to live in. I am reminded of the time when we will gather around the throne, the last battle will be fought, and He will say, 'Boys come home.' I am anxious to get there. I feel this stirring in my soul."

Response by Roy E. Blackwood in part: "It is a privilege to be here. I am feeling at home. This is better than gold fields. I am persuaded to believe that we could not find a place we could feel at home as we do here. This is a great family reunion. It is wonderful that we can be here."

Response by Dolphus Tidwell in part: "The Lord has been blessing wonderfully this year. I know many souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I know that thousands of God's children have been on their faces in behalf of this lost world, and I know God has answered prayer."

The Holy Ghost spoke a message through him, and the interpretation was given by a brother as follows: "Behold I have seen every tear that you have shed. I have fought your battles, not only through your strength have you won. Fail not to call on me, and I shall not fail to answer. Fail not to believe and you shall receive wonderful blessings. Listen to my voice. The ship that sails the sea does not sail in its own strength. Sail the sea, I am with thee, my people rejoice in me, my people walk with me and I walk with my people. Mine eyes behold thee. I have overcome, you can overcome. I have won the victory for thee, believe in me, the victory is won."

"I would rather the Holy Ghost would have His way in my life than anything I know of. Remember the Scripture, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' If I don't meet you at another Assembly, beloved, I intend to meet you in heaven. May God bless you, is my prayer."

Response by Harry Whittington in part: "I am feeling something in my heart just now. My heart is fixed that this is the Church of God. I left the Bible School last year making preparations to come back. Folks, I am glad I am here. I feel that God is with us, you feel the same. I believe this is going to be far better than any Assembly we have ever had. The Lord bless you."

Response from J. H. Curry in part: "I feel like I am at home. When I am at home, I act like I am at home. There is no (Continued on page 2)

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a post card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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name so sweet as the Church of God, except the name of Jesus. I thank God tonight that I am feeling right. I mean to keep straight ahead. I came from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and am glad to be here. I have never seen such a big family in my life as this is.

After the service everybody rejoiced to greet each other with a hearty hand-shake and God bless you.

Tuesday morning every one seemed in their place with shining faces and happy hearts to do business for God. Brother H. L. Trim led the opening prayer. Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer gave a review of the work for the past year, which will appear elsewhere in the Evangel.

A letter of greeting and best wishes from the Mayor of Cleveland to the Assembly, was read and very much appreciated.

The Memorial service was very touching, as a brief review was given of the past history of some of the noble soldiers who fought to the last for Jesus and His Church and died a victorious death. The name of each bishop, evangelist and deacon who had gone to their reward in the past were mentioned. Brothers Llewellyn, Boehmer and Lemons spoke very appropriate and touching words concerning them. After which all sang, By the Grace of God We'll Meet You, with much feeling, all hearts were melted, and we felt the Lord was pleased.

The Tampa Band then played, Some Day.

All looked forward with earnest, joyful anticipation to the call of the States which came in the afternoon of which we can only speak briefly.

As each state was called the representatives came to the platform, led by their Overseer carrying a banner illustrating something special for that state, and he was given five minutes to speak of the work. All seemed to march with a victorious tread, amid shouts and rejoicing, and gladness in their hearts, which made us to realize that truly God had been blessing throughout the field.

The number of delegates averaged a third more than last year in most of the states.

Alabama respond 216 strong. The State Overseer, T. L. McLain said, "The State of Alabama has been working in the interest of souls this year. The Alabama people love the truth and will stick to the right."

Arkansas, J. M. Viney said, "We have seven new churches in Arkansas this year. We have as loyal band of preachers in the State of Ark. as anywhere in the Union. Our colored brother, T. A. Sears has done a good work in this State among the colored people."

Brother Sears spoke in behalf of the colored work: "I believe we, as members of the local churches in Arkansas are representing one of the grandest institutions this side of heaven. I believe we think more of the Church of God than any other

institution because it brings deliverance to the colored people. We are doing what we can by the help of the Lord to make the Church of God what it ought to be among the colored people."

Bahamas, Milton Padgett said, "The work on the Islands is getting along fine. There are about 75 standing for the Church of God. We have 11 churches, 3 for the white and 8 for the colored people."

At the close of his talk many came forward bringing an offering for the work there, although Brother Padgett told them not to, but their hearts were touched and they saw the great need of the field.

Florida, 128 white and 13 colored people were in the march, an increase of 78 over last year. J. A. Self, Overseer of Fla., said, "We are glad to report the Churches of God in Florida are in unity. We have a band of noble-hearted men and women standing true to God. I am praising God for the preachers we have. God has blessed and honored the work and revivals have broken out in many places. We have had two good camp-meetings. Florida is a great State. We covet your prayers."

Georgia came with 174 representatives.

J. L. Stephens said, "God has blessed every effort we have put forth in Ga. for Him, and the work is prospering."

Illinois and Kentucky, G. A. Fore, Overseer.

There were 40 representatives from Ill. Brother Fore said, "The Lord has certainly been blessing in the State of Ill. this year. I have found these people love the Church of God and have proved loyal to it, and have the victory."

Kentucky marched with 129 delegates. Brother Fore said, "Some folks thought that Ky. had all left home, but it begins to look now like they have all come back. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way."

"The Lord has blessed many souls, given us eight new churches this year; and our prospects are bright for several more in the near future. These men here on the platform are loyal ministers and God has blessed their efforts."

Indiana, Kansas and Missouri, of which J. C. Coats was Overseer.

Brother Coats said, "Indiana is a ripe field and prospects are good for the Church of God."

"The Lord has blessed in Kansas and given us one new church."

"The work in Missouri is prospering and the Lord has given us four new churches."

Louisiana came with 62 representatives, an increase of 12 over last year.

G. C. Dunn said, "We love each other and work together in unity. Louisiana is a ripe field, for miles and miles along the highway you cannot see a church house. Many preachers do not seem to know that La. is in the U. S. We appreciate our people."

Maryland and Pennsylvania led by H. W. Poteat, Overseer, said, "We have a good loyal bunch of people in Maryland and they have the victory. God has given us three new churches in the State this year, and has also sent us some good members from Ga. and Fla."

"The Lord has given us three more new churches in Pennsylvania. One minister of the Pentecostal movement came into the Church of God and brought 28 members with him. Our people have been loyal in paying tithes, and loyal to their Overseer."

"Maine is a ripe field and laborers are few. We have opened up a mission in Portland, Maine, with Brother and Sister Dorsett in charge."

"Deleware is a good place to work for the Lord. We have some good people in the State."

Brother Poteat had 17 more representatives than last year and 2 from Maine. An Armenian was with him and sang, I'll Never Grieve Jesus Any More. Brother Poteat has worked hard and suffered for the cause and God is rewarding him. Prospects are good for more churches.

Michigan with M. P. Cross, came with many more delegates than last year. He said, "We are a people who believe in being true to God and those who are over us in the Church of God. We have had great suc-

cess in the State this year. We need some more helpers up there, and if some of the preachers in the South that are crowded would spread out and come up in Michigan we have a work for them to do."

Mississippi was represented with a good delegation. E. B. Culpepper gave a short talk.

"We are glad to report for Mississippi. The Church of God is what we have been practicing there, and we are glad of the progress that has been made for the Church. We have been able to gain five new churches in the State this year. We give the Lord the praise for everything that has been accomplished."

Minnesota, Montana and N. Dakota, with Paul Walker as Overseer, who said, "God has been wonderfully blessing in North Dakota this year. He has given us a number of souls. About 85 per cent of the people cannot speak English, but they are all hungry for the gospel."

"I have been unable to reach the State of Montana, but have received many letters from the people there calling for help. We have one representative here from there, who tells me the church is doing well, but they need help. The harvest is ripe, and prospects are good for the Church of God."

There were several representatives, and among them an Indian girl, Miss Little Soldier, who has come to attend the Bible School. She sang, I Love To Tell the Story in the Indian language.

Brother Walker said, further: "There are hundreds of Indians in North Dakota who are living in heathenism. They worship what they think is their god, and weep and wail over it all night long."

Ohio came with a good delegation, and Efford Haynes, Overseer gave us a good talk as follows: "By the help of the Lord we have four new churches and have three more about ready to set in order. We actually captured a whole Pentecostal Church. They are good people and we are proud of them. The field is ripe, and I am proud of what has been accomplished this year. We have some good ministers and we people have a spirit to work."

Oklahoma came with A. L. Jenkins as Overseer. "When I first went to Oklahoma I felt discouraged, but the work soon began to pick up and is now in good shape and prospects are good for the future, new fields opening."

South Carolina marched with a delegation of 78. E. M. Ellis spoke as follows: "While the work is not so strong in this State as some others, we have a good many standing four square for the Church of God, and the Lord has blessed our labors. We have some good preachers and need more."

North Carolina came with an increase in their delegation of 28 over last year. Their Overseer, E. C. Gault, said, "We are rejoicing in the fact that we are able to do great things in the name of the Lord. I thank God for every one of these dear ones who have stood by me this year."

Tennessee had such a large delegation that they did not attempt to march, but rose to their feet and were counted. The Overseer, E. L. Simmons gave a short talk: "We probably are not able to report the progress that some of the other States have, but we have been for at least two or three years engaged in the reconstruction of the work. We have had some of the most wonderful revivals ever held in the State, this year. Many have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The greatest revival in the State was at Cleveland, Tenn. We are very proud of our ministers. They have done a good work."

Texas was represented with a delegation of 28 marching on the platform, shouting the victory. R. P. Johnson gave a short talk as follows: "We are from the Lone Star State. There is no need of our telling you that we have the victory. We have had several camp meetings this year. We would begin our services at sunrise and sometimes stay until it almost rose again the next morning. The Lord gave us many souls. Several of these representatives are stu-

dents for the Bible School. The work has prospered very much this year in the State."

Virginia. Brother W. B. Davis, Overseer, with a good band of representatives came marching to the platform carrying a banner with these words, "The storm is past and the sun is now shining in old Virginia," which expresses the progress of the work in the State, and he said, "God has helped us in a wonderful way. We have been able to set three new churches in order. We commend these preachers represented for their good work in the State of Virginia. I want to invite you good preachers to come and help us. I believe you will have a good time if you will preach the Word, and the Church of God as we see it in the Bible thrown in for good measure."

West Virginia, H. N. Scoggins with 78 representatives marched to the platform with a triumphant tread and remarked: "I was a little discouraged when I first went to this State but have gotten over that now. If you want to go to a good place to work for the Lord go to West Virginia. We have five new churches, and have built about four houses, so we are making some progress. We are glad for what the Lord is doing in this State. We appreciate the good work our ministers have done for the Church of God."

Brother L. G. Rouse conducted a healing service each evening from 5:30 to 6:30. He exhorted the people to holy living and faith in God, and then a great many would march up on the platform for healing, as he and others laid hands on them, but many times even before they reached him, through faith in Jesus the healing power touched them and they would go leaping and shouting off the platform. God was there in power and many were healed, some in a miraculous way.

In the praise service Tuesday night Brother Otto Lunsford sang, The Chosen People; the choir of the Cleveland church led by Brother Arthur White, sang two songs; the Tampa Band played a selection, etc. All was very inspiring, uplifting and powerful.

Brother Zeno Tharp preached an uplifting sermon on The Bible our Pattern, which seemed to include a message to every one.

At the close the long altar was filled with hungry ones earnestly seeking to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost; and a multitude of earnest workers to help them. God was there in power and many were blessed. A great multitude of saints who could not get in the altar to work, looked eagerly on, offering prayers to God for them.

Wednesday morning in the opening service prayer was offered in behalf of the sick.

The same Executive Council was selected for the ensuing Assembly year. Each of these were accepted with a hearty unanimous response, by the great multitude standing to their feet.

What a feeling of safety, confidence, satisfaction and rest seemed to settle down upon all to have these noble, talented, God given men in these positions of trust, who have been proving themselves worthy and efficient, and God is setting His seal of approval on their labors.

11:00 a. m. We have now come to one of the greatest events in the Assembly, which spoke volumes, as the ministers vacated the rostrum and an army of Bible Students marched to the platform. We can hardly write about it without tears of gratitude and joy coming to our eyes. The tears flowed unbidden as we looked upon these noble young lives, consecrated to God's service, who are wanting to equip themselves for better service in the battle for Jesus, lost souls and the Church. What a noble army. God bless them. They are to some day take the places of the old veterans of the cross, if Jesus tarries. Fifty three students marched to the platform and many have come in since.

T. S. Payne gave a very earnest impressive talk on the Bible School. His whole heart is in the work, he feels the great responsibility and care of the students, and we feel that any parent can safely trust their

boys and girls in the school under his teaching and care. We believe he is the man God has chosen for the place.

We will make mention of a few things he said: "I thought at the Assembly last year that I had done all I could, but we are beginning to realize that the responsibilities and obligations are doubling up on us, and this has been the busiest year of our life. The Bible School is a reality. We are here this morning with a great number of young men and women who have made a great sacrifice. Some of them spent the last dollar they had during the first part of the school last year. We welcome them back this term. They have succeeded in bringing several new students with them. We have several from Texas, La. Fla. and other states. We welcome them. One of the best places in the world to get your soul blessed is in the Church of God Bible School. When they go out from the school room they will not have to say Brother Payne said so, but they can tell the people what the Bible says about it."

Some of these young men and women have made a great sacrifice to be here, some have sold their possession and taken the money to bring them here. There are those here who are walking by faith. There are others who are being supported by some loving friend and member of the Church of God.

Some have been on the battlefield and have fought some hard battles but I am unable to locate any scars. They are an inspiration to my soul and I am made to believe they are entering the best term of school they have ever had.

"I believe it is a matter of a very short time when the Church of God will own a building as large as this for the Bible Training School."

"I have put the price of the Bible course down to rock bottom. Not an individual is handling this business for money."

"I am going to ask you people to do a little extra work this year for the interest of the Bible Training School. When you go home I want you to do something, if nothing else, get a piece of blank paper and write on it, 'Remember the Bible School' and tack it upon the wall and when you pray remember to pray for us."

J. L. Stephens message on Tactics for effective Evangelistic and Pastoral work, was very instructive and helpful, as he told us how we should use wisdom and love,

and depend upon God in winning souls.

Roy E. Blackwood's heart to heart talk to the young people was one of vital importance. There is a great need of boys and girls who will stand true to God and His Church against the powers of Satan in these days. "The church is now rising and shining, get under the banner and let us go over the top for Jesus. There is a great responsibility resting upon the young people who will qualify themselves for the work of the Lord."

I. H. Marks in his discourse exhorted the people to get ready to meet Jesus. The long altar was filled with seekers, and many blessed.

We have come to Thursday morning and everybody seems happy and on fire for God and the interest and attendance does not seem to have diminished in the least, for though some have had to go others have come.

After the report of the committee on missions there were some good enthusiastic talks given.

J. C. Creston of Macedonia said there was a great need of missionaries there, and that \$15.00 per month would take care of a missionary and his family.

After the report of the committee, several talks were given on the importance of the Sunday school. We will only mention a few things E. C. Clark said: "The time of life to teach the children is when they are small. It is said of the children that one out of every four is out of Sunday school. We need some good man or woman to open new Sunday schools."

The Holy Ghost gave a message through a sister of which we give the interpretation in part: "Men and women are dying for the bread of life. Will you go forth. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. Go ye forth. Why do you linger behind. Get them ready. Go! Go! Go!!!"

J. A. Muncy spoke in the interest of the Sunday school, taking for a text Psa. 34:11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

We were impressed when he said, "If our teachers would realize and see the importance of their position in the Sunday school, I believe we would see greater progress in the Sunday school of the Church of God."

J. A. Self's message from his beautiful illustrative chart on the subject of Sanctification was very clear and instructive, (Continued on page 3)

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Orphanage Report

FROM SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 1
From MRS. CARRIE FILL, Garfield, Ga., 3 new dresses; 1 new towel.
From Mrs. J. W. Dean, Bible class, Douglasville, Ga., 1 new quilt top.
From DIXIANA, ALA., Nettie Hughes—1 gown; 2 dresses; Emma Henderson—1 can powder; W. T. Hill—squares for a quilt; Nellie Mae—1 dress; Mrs. Suvella Higgins—botham—1 wash cloth; 1 lawn dress.
FROM SISTERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, Monroe, La., 1 new quilt.
From MR. FLORENCE, Cleveland, Tenn., 2 1/2 doz. bananas.
From MR. G. L. STEPP, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 pk. apples.
From THE SEWING CLUB, Erwin, Tenn., 4 new quilts.
From T. A. MURRAY, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 1/2 gal. milk.
From SANITARY BAKERY, Cleveland, Tenn., 99 loaves bread; 7 doz. rolls.

FROM THE SISTERS SEWING CLUB, Riviera, Fla., 2 slips; 2 mid-dies; 9 dresses; 3 waists; 1 coat; 3 pieces old goods; 10 boy's waists; 4 small dresses; 2 rompers; 3 h'd'k't's; 1 boy's suit; 30 new dresses; 9 new bloomers; 2 new slips; 4 new under-waists; several yds. domestic; some buttons.

From MR. AND MRS. JACK JERNIGAN, Fa. Myers, Fla., 8 pr. new shoes; 1 pr. men's slips; 1 pr. boy's pants; 1 new mid-dy; white apron; piece of black ruffling; 4 papers pins; 1 h'd'k't; 1 new silk waist; 1 new towel; ribbon, puzzle, braids; 1 pillow; 1 shirt; 1 dress; box of shells; 1 ball, bell, boat; 1 knife, fork spoon; 1 pr. old shoes; 1 bed spread.

From MARY RUSSEL, MAGGIE AND MAYBELL HERNDON, Silver Bluff, Fla., 2 new h'd'k's; 1 pr. pants; 6 dresses 2 of them new; 3 pieces ribbon; 1 skirt.

CASH DONATIONS

Mrs. S. S. Williams, Cleveland, Miss., \$2.00; S. S. Ravenna, Ky., \$6.26; Reeter Ellison, Newport, Tenn., \$2.14; Church, Ferndale, Fla., \$5.36; Church, Dillon, S. C., \$4.45; Church, Bunkerhill, S. C., \$10.00; Church, Winchester, Ky., \$2.00; Church, Greenville, S. C., \$10.30; S. S. Oaks, Fla., \$8.90; S. S. Mar-jetta, O., \$4.60; Mr. Albert Dixon, Chillicothe, O., \$2.00; Church, Rome, Ga., \$1.55; S. S. West Franklin, Ill., \$5.00; Church, Stithon, Ky., \$9.01; Church, Lawrenceville, Ill., \$2.05; Church, Cantwell, Mo., \$3.14; Church, Mt. Zion, Tenn., \$4.00; Mrs. J. A. Hoss, Kannapolis, N. C., \$4.03; Church, Lancaster, O., \$5.00; Church, Lindale, Ga., \$2.30; Church, Baldwin Park, Calif., \$12.10; S. S. St. Joseph, Mo., \$2.39;

Church, Angerona, W. Va., \$8.00; S. S. Berryton, Ga., \$11.00; S. S. Anderson, S. C., \$1.90; S. S. Mt. Vernon, Ill., \$3.40; Mary J. Thomas, Williamburg, Ky., \$7.00; S. S. Kathleen, Fla., \$13.00; Church, Milton, W. Va., \$1.78; Pearl Marion, Phenix City, Ala., \$2.15; Church, Riviera, Fla., \$13.00; Gladys O. Kizer, Windom, Tex., \$5.17; S. S. Smithson, Md., \$4.41; Eliza O'Neal, Bristol, Tenn., \$2.30; Church, Lannus, Dodd City, Tex., \$15.00; S. S. Jacksonville, Ala., \$3.36; S. S. Point, Tex., \$1.23; Church, Shipley Grove, Tenn., \$7.80; S. S. Honey Comb Rock, Karbers Ridge, Ill., \$1.42; Ruby White, Fitzgerald, Ga., \$2.79; S. S. Pikeville, Tenn., \$2.61; W. J. Thomas, Okeechobee, Fla., \$1.68; Church, Augusta, Ga., \$3.35; John Grunholzer, Ft. Meade, Fla., \$1.40; Church, Tampa, Fla., \$20.80; T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla., \$15.24; Church, Straight Creek, Chavies, Ala., \$6.44; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn., \$6.40; Miss Addie Lee Day, Carter, Miss., \$1.00; W. H. Buckley, Wellston, O., \$2.50; S. S. Cincinnati, O., \$7.00; S. S. Greenville, N. C., \$3.00; Church, Carbur, Fla., \$2.75; S. S. Houston, Miss., \$1.90; Miss Nora Gilley, Grove Oak, Ala., \$3.23; Rosewood Buck, Lenoir City, Tenn., \$2.14; Georgia Shipman, Townsend, Tenn., \$2.03; Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen, Sumnerfield, Ala., \$6.00; Mrs. J. W. Lowery, Thomasville, Ala., \$5.55; James R. Hegler, Mt. Vernon, Tex., \$4.15; S. S. Trace, W. Va., \$2.00; Leonard Spicer, Old Landing, Ky., \$3.00; Bessie Justus, Quartz, Ga., \$1.96; S. S. Bogalusa, La., \$4.25; S. S. Okeechobee, Fla., \$5.07; Walter L. Pike, Cleveland, Tenn., \$25.00; Church, Chester, Miss., \$1.02; S. S. Cedar Hill, Tenn., \$4.75; S. S. Johnson City, Tenn., \$3.20; S. S. Fayette, Ala., \$1.00; Church, Arcadia, Fla., \$1.70; Church, Parkersburg, W. Va., \$13.00; Church, Ware Shoals, S. C., \$2.00; S. S. Campaign, Tenn., \$6.20; An offering, Pineville, Ky., \$10.00; Solicited by Mrs. S. J. Heath, camp meeting, Washington, N. C., \$42.00; Church, Circleville, O., \$1.20; Church, Church, Circleville, O., \$1.20; Elsie McGlaughn, Altoona, Ala., \$7.40; Church at Pine Grove, \$4.48; Church at Clanton, \$5.00; Elsie McGlaughn, Altoona, Ala., \$7.40; Church Archers Fork, O., \$5.82; T. T. R. Wilkins, Miami, Fla., \$30.00; S. S. Auditorium, Cleveland, Tenn., \$21.37; Church, Ala. City, Ala., \$17.10; Church, Foster Chapel, Ala., \$4.23; W. Va. State Convention, At Logan, W. Va., \$46.00; Church, Logan, W. Va., \$16.53; Church, Greenville, S. C., \$7.38; A Friend, Chatt. Tenn., \$1.00; Church, Seales, Ala., \$6.23; Church of God Mission Band, Greenville, S. C., \$4.00.

A GENERAL REVIEW

Given at the General Assembly

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the general interest of the Church.

We will speak a few more words about the Publishing House. Some people thought this business could not continue, and that it was sure, doomed to go down in defeat. It is like it was with Paul after he made his escape from the storm and troubled sea he was bitten by a serpent and they of the island looked a long time to see him fall, but when he did not fall they decided that he was a god. The reason he did not fall, God was with him protecting him. So it is with the Publishing House. If God be for us who can be against us?

Brother Llewellyn has made a few trips on the field, we are always glad to have him go. It is good for him to get a little vacation from his work, also his presence among the people is always appreciated.

The Presses Rejoice

The work has been moving on in good order and I believe that you are aware of the fact that God is in the work.

When Brother Llewellyn took charge of the work it was groaning under a heavy burden of debt, he was somewhat discouraged, and I have wondered if he didn't hear the echoes of the presses as they vibrated in his discouraged mind saying I am aware of the fact that God is in the work.

The sales in the book room have continued to increase. Sister Hyberger says that the sales are about an average of \$2,000 per month. The sale of Sunday school literature is about \$4,000 a year making \$28,000 a year going through her office.

The Sunday school literature is also continually increasing. Last year we sent out 20,500 quarterlies, 78,000 leaflets, 36, 300 cards for the last quarter. This year for the last quarter we sent out 27,500 quarterlies besides the cards and leaflets, making an increase of 7,000.

I will now give you another list that perhaps you will be interested in also.

The list of bishops last year was 129, the number this year is 143 making an increase of 14. We have gained 129 ministers including bishops, evangelists and deacons.

Now I will speak of the tithes for a comparative month last year the comparison being made in September was \$831.49. For September this year the tithe of tithe was \$1,678.02. You can readily see that the tithe sent to Headquarters this year in the month of September is double that of September last year. Are we failing? Are we going down? Of course you know we are not.

Now we will notice the spiritual side for a few minutes, the ministerial reports show for 9 months service 5,633 saved, 3,655 sanctified and 3,634 received the Holy Ghost. This is the report from ministers who are loyal in reporting we are sure that all do not report. If every one who has been faithful and in active service had reported, doubtless there would have been many more added to this list.

By this review you can readily see that we are not losing ground, but have a very marked increase. With this I will close, and may the Lord bless you.—Amen.

Fulfilling a Promise

I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. In June my little boy fell and broke his arm. For three days and nights he suffered so much. I laid the Evangel on his arm, and promised the Lord if He would heal his arm, I would testify to it through the Evangel. Bless His dear name, He healed him.

We should be more prompt in testifying and keeping our promises to the Lord. I believe the Lord has allowed me to suffer much for not keeping my promises to Him.

Please pray for our children.
S. A. Lindsay,
Walnut Grove, Ala.

REPORT FROM CHURCHES

Report of the District Meeting of the Church of God at Archers Fork, Ohio, Oct. 2, 3, and 4, 1925.

The Churches Assembled Oct. 2, at 10:30 a. m. with the pastor, Brother Clarence Beagle in charge. A number of soul stirring songs were sung with the Spirit and understanding, also with manifestations, shouts and praises.

When all were called to concert prayer they seemed to ascend the hill of the Lord as the prayer of one, and He heard and answered.

How often the prayer is in our hearts that we may be Christ-like, and that our work may be acceptable in His sight and be a glory to Him, but when the answer comes it leads in the way of the cross. Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto death.

All were given an opportunity to witness for the Master and the Lord greatly blessed. The pastor then read 2 Tim. 4th chapter, commenting upon the same, showing that young ministers should conduct themselves in such a way as to prove real workmen, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

On account of rain only a few were present at 7:30 p. m. A number of songs were sung and prayer offered, the Lord warming the hearts of those who were present with joy and gladness.

Oct. 3, 10:30 a. m., service began with singing. The Last Mile of the Way, etc. After concert prayer Brother Martin of Marietta, O. delivered a message faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It was very instructive and interesting, and I am sure that all were edified and made thankful for the message.

Brother Pearl Carpenter of Marietta, O., was then called to the stand and spoke on, How to Evangelize. The message came with power and was imprinted by the Holy Spirit, on the minds and hearts of all present.

Brother Carpenter is certainly drinking from God's fountain that never runs dry. Praise the Lord!

At 7:30 p. m. after soul refreshing songs and concert prayer, special prayer was offered for a number who came forward for prayer for the healing of their bodies, also for a number of requests sent in from the sick who were not able to be present. God certainly heard and answered prayer in a miraculous way.

Brother Moss conducted the praise service, which was soul cheering, demonstrations given by the shouts and praises of almost all who were present.

The Church at Archers Fork was called to the stand and they sang one or two songs. There were 30 present.

Marietta Church was then called. They also sang, and there were 18 present. The Lord is with them in power, and the Church is moving upward. Thank the Lord!

Brother Martin gave a short message on the Doctrines of the Church which was given with the Spirit and very instructive. The business of the Church was then taken up.

Sunday, Oct. 4, 10:00 a. m. After a good Sunday school Brother Martin gave a short message. All were rejoicing when they adjourned for dinner.

To say that justice was done to the good basket dinner by all present is saying it very lightly, for all were happy and hungry.

After dinner Brother Moss spoke on, The Gift of the Holy Ghost and Gifts to the Church. He gave a most wonderful message in the power of the Spirit. The only thing we regret is that his time was limited, so he was asked to continue his sermon at our next meeting. May God bless him and his.

We then adjourned to meet again at some future time. May the blessings and comfort of the Holy Ghost abide with you all till we meet again.—Amen.
Clarence Beagle.

Johnson City, Ill. Church Prospering

Well, I thank God for His Son, Jesus, who gave His life for us that we might have life eternal. How I praise Him for this straight, clean and pressing way. It still suits me. I praise Him for victory, also for faith to trust Him for the healing of my body, and not only myself but my family. Praise His name.

I thank Him for His sweet Spirit that leads us when we obey it and because I obeyed it one day, when He warned me to go to Pittsburg, Ill., and help in the work there. Brother Fore, our State Overseer gave his consent for me to go. God bless him.

I went the first of May and there were only two at service the first night. That did not discourage me for Jesus said if He be lifted up He would draw all men unto Him. I believed Him and went to praying and visiting the saints and by that time there were only four there. I asked why the people did not come and was informed that they had come so many times and found no one to lead them and became disgusted and quit coming. They also said they owed so much they would never get out of debt. Praise the Lord, He showed me what to do and I obeyed Him. The first month we had paid forty dollars,—a Sunday school organized and were shouting the victory.

By the first of July the saints were coming back and we observed the Lord's supper and feet washing. From then on the house began to be full and the Lord keeps blessing in each service.

We now have fourteen saints on fire for God and souls are praying through to victory.

Sunday, Oct. 11, was a wonderful day. We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing, and the Lord was present. There was shouting and dancing and a Baptist minister said that it was surely God's work and came up to shake hands with us.

Please pray for the work here and that I may be of more service to Him. Also that a good minister will be sent here to feed this little flock next year.

Webb McAnally.

Revival at Lavonia, Ga.

We closed a wonderful meeting Friday night, Oct. 2, at Lavonia, Ga.

The meeting lasted for nearly two weeks. The Lord blessed in every service.

Brother Joe Shed, and Brother J. C. Mauldin assisted in the meeting. During this revival there were about 12 or 15 saved, 6 sanctified and some received the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in such a wonderful way, we could not keep a correct account of the number who were blessed.

On Sunday we organized a good Sunday school with 58 pupils. The prospects are good there for a fine Sunday school. Also some are expecting to come into the Church.

Pray much for this place and the work there.

Yours in the battle for lost souls,

Myrtle Whitehead.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Let your requests be made known unto God"

Mrs. Mindy Carter, Evening Shade, Ark., praises God for saving her soul. She is a member of the Church of God, and desires the prayers of all for the healing of her left lung which is effected. Also that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and be a soul winner for Jesus.

Lottie Richard, Desloge, Mo., praises God for victory. Also for God's healing power. She had a very bad cough, also stomach trouble and He has helped her greatly. She desires the prayers that she may be completely healed, and be a soul winner for Jesus.

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as he showed from the picture on the chart (using the Scriptures) how by nature the body of sin possesses the heart, but after the blood of Jesus is applied to the heart and the Holy Ghost takes possession, the old serpent (body of sin is cast out), the heart is made clean and the Holy Ghost (the dove) takes possession.

In the afternoon E. E. Simmons told us of the work on the Island of Jamaica as follows: "Jamaica is 150 miles long and 50 miles wide, and the population is one million people. When I went there I found no Church of God, but the people were hungry for the gospel and there was a little band of people there sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The people were good to us and very much interested in the meeting. They told us there were many other churches there, but they did not measure up to the Word like the Church of God. We soon set a church in order with 63 members. There are many open doors and the people are hungry. 90 per cent of the people are colored. Our expenses were about \$100.00 per month," etc.

R. P. Johnson preached a very helpful, convicting, soul-stirring sermon on Redemption, at night.

May the Lord bless every one and help us to do all we can for Him this year and to be ready when He comes.

(By the help of the stenographers I have been enabled to give this limited account of the Assembly). Continued next week.

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Send all camp ground funds to Asa Dobson, Weatherford, Texas.

R. P. Johnson.

Brother F. C. Canaday of Johnson City, Illinois wishes to know of the whereabouts of his son who is seventeen years of age. He left home about four weeks ago. His hair is black, also his eyes are dark. He is 5 feet and nine inches high, weighs about 130 pounds. His name is Archie Canaday.—F. J. Lee.

Brother J. C. Jernigan has decided that he will not pastor churches this year, but devote his time to evangelistic services. I will state in his behalf, if you need an evangelist you would do well to engage his service.

Address him in care of the Evangel Office, Cleveland, Tenn.
F. J. Lee.

I have a sister somewhere in Florida. She was at Williston the last heard of. Her name is Cora Lee, she was a Hancock before she married Will Lee. If any one knows her address please write me at once.

Her sister,
Minnie Lee Cumble,
Rt. 1. Ochlochnee, Ga.
c/o Mrs. Laura Pope's Store.

BUDE, Miss.—As it has been so long since I have written to the Evangel, I will tell of a meeting held here. We had a wonderful time.

Sister Schumaker preached the Word with great power through the Holy Ghost. The lame walked, the deaf and dumb heard and spoke, and many other healings were wrought. I believed who had never been touched before.

We are praying for God to send some one to feed the flock here.

I surely enjoy reading the Evangel. I hope to be able to take it again soon.
Mrs. Alice Newell.

A Successful Revival

BAY VILLAGE, Ark.—I am thanking and praising God this morning for a successful revival meeting that has just closed here. Brother T. A. Sears was in charge. The meeting lasted two weeks, and truly the Lord blessed in the service every night. There was a large attendance of both white and colored people. By the assistance of the County Deputy the order was very good, for which we heartily thank him. It seemed for a little while the devil tried to make a stir but he was bound. Thank the Lord, we were not disturbed while the Lord worked with us, confirming the Word as Brother Sears gave it out. He is a worthy man of God and worth while in any community. We want to keep him here, as through his ability of rightly dividing the Word of Truth so much good has been done here, where there are so many holiness fighters and hard hearted sinners, who seldom if ever went to hear any minister preach. Every one seemed to be so eager to hear the Word as it fell from his lips, for the house was crowded every night before service began until it closed.

A number of holiness fighters and haters have been won, and are now working with all their might for holiness. The Lord did manifest His power as the Word was given out and the fire fell, and there was dancing and speaking in tongues.

There were 4 saved, 4 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 reclaimed, 7 followed the Lord in water baptism and a church was set in order with 18 members.

The meeting closed with peace and love throughout the community. We thank God for sending Brother Sears here, as it seemed God had forsaken this place. I say this because it seemed like Christianity had about died out in other organizations and they fought holiness so that we could not get a holiness minister in here.

Thank God for the Church of God. I have been toiling so hard the past 15 years to see it set in order at this place.

Mae F. Levesque,
Harrisburg, Ark.

HEALING DEPARTMENT

Praises to God

I am still on the hallelujah side. I praise God for a full and free salvation. He is so precious to me. Bless His dear name.

I praise God for healing my husband of a very bad attack of asthma, Aug. 18. He became very ill in the night. I prayed for him and he got better. At about 5 o'clock a. m. I heard him breathing hard again, he had turned black in the face from coughing, and could not say a word. I prayed again and rebuked the disease in the name of Jesus and he was soon able to speak. Praise God.

A few weeks ago one member of our band had a little girl about two years old who was sick for two or three days of fever. The neighbors said they were going to have the mother arrested because she would not call the doctor. The child's fever was 104. She sent for me to go pray for her. We prayed and she was healed and playing in less than an hour. Also we prayed for a lady at Brighton who was ruptured; she was healed in a few minutes. Glory to God.

Please pray that my husband will get complete victory for his healing. Also that God may use me to His glory.

Your humble sister,
Lucy A. Raney,
Rt. 1. Bx. 387 Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. J. E. Connatser, Tampa, Fla., thanks God for His goodness to her, because He called her into this marvelous light. He also healed her of a cough which she had for three years. The enemy would suggest remedies, but she relied on Jesus and He healed. He also healed her little boy. He is her present help in time of trouble. She desires your prayers.

L. J. Allen, Select, Ky., wants to sound a note of praise to his Redeemer for His healing power. He has been his physician for six years. He put an anointed handkerchief on a sore on his lip, which had been there for some time, and had prayer and the Lord healed it. For this he gives God the honor and glory. He covets the prayers of all that he may stay on the battlefield until Jesus calls.

WILLISTON, Fla.—Mrs. Ellen Bradley writes how the Lord healed her husband (a minister in the Church of God) of blood poison in his hand, from which he suffered untold misery. He suffered about 2 weeks and the poison kept spreading until it reached his heart. His breath got shorter and they thought he was dying. He saw the death angel and wanted to go, but Jesus motioned His hand for him to sit down. They held on to God until He healed him. He is now well, for which they praise God. She is saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and feels like going on. She desires prayer for her unsaved boys.

Mrs. T. W. Tatom, Richey, Miss., promised the Lord if he would heal her of liver trouble she would testify to same. He has touched her body for which she praises God. She requests prayer for complete healing of her body.

The Sick Healed

SEBASTOPOL, Miss.—I am praising God for the many blessings I receive daily. I praise Him for good neighbors, for health and strength, and for healing me and my children when we are sick.

A few weeks ago my baby was sick. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and she was healed before the handkerchief returned. Later two of my children had bad coughs which my neighbors said was whooping cough. They advised me to give them medicine, but I laid the handkerchief that Brother Rouse anointed, on them and they were healed. Thank God. I want all to pray that I may have more faith and receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Eva Dell Woods.

Josie Austip, Jacksonville, Fla., praises God for salvation, the Church of God and divine healing. She promised God if He would heal her body, she would praise Him through the Evangel, and He completely healed her. She is glad He showed her this way and desires prayer that she may do His will.

Healed of Typhoid Fever

RICHMOND DALE, Ohio.—I am praising the Lord this morning for what He has done for me and mine. I also thank the brothers and sisters who have prayed for my boy.

On the 29th of Aug. my boy was taken ill of a burning fever which the doctors said was typhoid. On the 30th, Brother and Sister Cardell and Brother Clark from Wellston came over, anointed and prayed for him. I felt the assurance that all was well with him, but the father and neighbors became excited. In my distress, I decided to write Brother Rouse for prayer. Bro. Rouse sent an anointed handkerchief which I laid on his body. God showed me He wanted me to trust Him.

For 13 days and nights I stayed on my knees and stood over my child. Had it not been for the encouraging words of Sister Slaughter, I suppose I would have failed. She encouraged me to obey God.

The doctor visited him and examined him. He said his temperature was normal. He said it was a genuine case of typhoid and he had never seen a case do better, but it was not he or his medicine that had done the work. He complimented me for my skillful nursing, then I was glad to tell him the Lord had done the work. After giving me some valuable advice about his food and care, he took his departure, but Jesus still abides. Thank God.

Alice Durrant.

Do Not Compromise—Go On

I want to thank God for ever bringing me back to the fold, and for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Dear readers, I was a backslider for about three years, and thank God, He called me back, after I had gone back so far in sin. I had even taken up the things of the world and tried to get pleasure for the natural man, but nothing satisfied me. But I came back to God and am willing to do anything for the Lord. Heaven will be cheap at any cost, and I mean to go all the way by God's help.

I have a deeper determination to stand for the dear old Church of God, and hold up the standard.

Saints we cannot compromise with the devil and keep the fire burning in our soul. Let us lean on Jesus and go all the way, regardless of the cost. Praise God, I feel like traveling on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Your brother,
F. W. Anderson,
Lynchburg, Va.

Bahama Saints Shouting the Victory

SIMS LONG ISLAND, Bah.—I praise God this morning finds me saved, sanctified and the Comforter abides. Praise God's holy name. I am determined to go through with Jesus.

For some time we were undecided in regard to the Church matter, but after much praying and waiting on the Lord, He showed us that the Church of God is the pillar and ground of the truth.

We are now rooted and grounded in her because we believe she is the Church Jesus spoke of, saying, "Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

We are few with settled minds to report this church: praying without ceasing that God will bless us and keep us faithful. I desire your prayers that God may have His way with us.

Daniel G. Miller.

"THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FOOL"

"But God said unto him, Thou fool." Luke 12:20.

Man is the same restless, craving, never satisfied creature under all dispensations. He is not satisfied with life as he finds it; but he is striving every way possible to better his condition in life. He wants his tomorrow to be better than his today.

Men who are rich today are scheming every way to be richer tomorrow; and those who live in nice homes now, are wondering how they may acquire a mansion soon.

Prosperity is not to be condemned when it does not hinder the progress of salvation in the soul. But many are like Adam and Eve who when they saw, the fruit was to be desired to make one wise they transgressed God's law and lost their experience, for temporal gain.

In the text God was speaking to a man who had lost sight of everything, except his own personal, temporal advancement.

Did you ever notice how often this certain rich man made use of the personal pronoun "I"? He used it no less than six times in three verses; and he uses the word, "my" four times, showing that he was certainly wrapped up in himself and his own personal welfare.

He was not condemned for tearing down barns nor for building greater, but for being such a lover of himself; "But God said unto him, Thou fool." Surely it is a foolish thing for any man to forget his neighbor, or the suffering that is around him.

What a different picture we would have had to look upon, had this man used the following language, "I know what I shall do, The Lord willing I will tear down these small barns and will build greater ones in their stead, and when they are filled I will send out invitations to all the poor of my neighbors and will say, 'Come for there is plenty to last you and me and next year, if it pleases God, I will raise more fruits and get more goods to help carry on the good work.'"

Would God have said to that man "Thou fool." No; for, He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17.

God is not a selfish God, had He been He certainly would never have given His Son Jesus Christ for us.

I firmly believe that since God so freely gave Jesus to die on Calvary, He has no room in the Kingdom for selfish persons. Then the question comes to

us, "Who are the world's biggest fools?"

I heard a little story one time, "A little boy had dropped his penny into a very costly vase, and had reached his hand down into the vase to get the penny, and he had gotten it in his grasp, but lo when he went to withdraw his hand behold the neck of the vase was too small; it was just large enough for him to get his hand into, open, and when he shut his hand it could not be withdrawn. There the little fellow was, he had his penny, but could not get his hand out of the vase. Had he been older he would have known in an instant what to do but he thought the only thing to do was to hold to the penny.

Webster says a fool is one deficient in judgment; this little fellow couldn't realize that it would be safer to let go the penny and withdraw his hand, and pour the costly vase, thereby save the costly vase. No, he did not have that much judgment; and though his parents plead with him he would not let go, until finally in a fit of anger he broke the beautiful vase, received an ugly cut on the hand and in the scramble that followed, lost his penny.

Let us say a man's soul is the costly vase, and worldly gain is the penny.

How many men and women do you know who are today grasping, worldly gain in their hand at the cost of their very souls?

Would it not be better to give up their hold on the world to save that most precious vase—a human soul?

But still they hold on.

Surely the biggest fools in this world are those who for the sake of a few shiny dollars, a little nicer home or a little larger hold on to society will sacrifice the future welfare of their souls.

The biggest fool I ever read about is the one after he had gained the whole world, he then lost his own soul.

God help you my sinner friend to act wisely and escape the wrath of an angry God by having the lintles and the door posts of your soul sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb, who only is with out spot or blemish.

Today is the day, that time is granted in which to better tomorrow. Will you seize the opportunity that is offered you today? Some one has wisely said, "Put not off, until tomorrow, what ought to be done today." You should be saved today.

S. F. Beard.

Helped Through the Evangel to Stand True

Fifteen years ago I was saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and over half of that time I lived the life without any encouragement, (amid hardships and persecutions of almost every kind) except what I received from the Church of God Evangel. I thank God for this little paper, because it has been food to my soul when I could not hear a holiness minister preach the gospel, nor meet with the saints who would have encouraged me to go on with the Lord.

I not only thank God for the paper, but I thank the editor for ever sending that precious paper into my home. I love the Evangel and it has always found a welcome in my hands, heart and home. I look forward to its coming and can hardly wait for the time to receive it.

Today, as I write I feel the fire still burning in my soul and the "Go ye" spirit that keeps me on the march, always willing and ready to do what I can for the Lord.

I have been kept by the power of God free from sin by the help of the Lord, the Bible and Evangel. I mean to stand true till He comes, and then go where there will be no more shedding of tears or bearing hard names for living a holy life. Every mark the devil branded me with he had to take back on his old branding iron. Paul said, if we suffer with Christ we shall also

reign with Him. Hallelujah! Please pray the Lord to give me success in the gospel, as I feel the Lord has called me to preach the Word.

Mae F. Levesque,
Harrisburg, Ark.

In the West 18 Months

COTTONWOOD, Arizona.—Once more I would like to write to my many brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the Church that is spoken of in the Bible, (Church of God), the one I love so well.

For the last eighteen months we have been in the West and the people have talked hard about the word church. I love it like the rest of the words in the Bible. I am glad I am sanctified so I can stand this. I count it all joy.

I am here for some cause, I don't know why, with great hopes of Jesus sending someone to help us. I feel too unworthy to make the start but would like to help. 2 Cor. 4:8, 9, 10. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest unto our body.

Your unworthy brother, determined to do more for a crown.

Brother Gaines,
Bx. 5. Cottonwood, Ariz.

IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

SMITH

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, Sept. 11, 1925, and claimed for its victim their oldest son, Charles; age seven years.

He was sick about a year and a half. Every thing was done for him that loving hands could do, but God saw fit to take him home.

He leaves to mourn his death a mother, father, three sisters, one brother, and a host of relatives and friends.

He always believed in prayer, and when he was so sick he would always ask grandpa to pray for him. His last words were "Tell grandpa to pray for me, for it eases me."

His remains were laid to rest in the Harris Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

By his grandmother and grandfather,
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Monroe,
Lexa, Ark.

HUGHES

The death angel visited the home of our dear Brother Walker Hughes, of Louisiana, Ky. on Sept. 19, 1925 and claimed his precious wife, aged 24 years, 7 months, and 12 days. Her death came after a continued illness of T. B. She leaves behind to mourn her loss a husband, three little children, two girls, one boy, three brothers, one sister, and a host of loved ones and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by the writer, and her body laid to rest in the Home Cemetery, to await the coming of Jesus.

Sister Hughes was a very pleasant saint of God, waiting very tenderly her call to come up higher. The bereaved have our sympathy in their hours of sadness and distress.

E. C. Clark, Pastor.

GRIFFIN

On Sept. 17, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and claimed their darling baby Thelmer, age 1 year 5 months. Little Thelmer was loved by all who knew her and she is greatly missed by all but we know she is at rest. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God knew best. She leaves to mourn her death father, mother, one sister, two half sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Duke, her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Hamer, S. C. to await the coming of Jesus.

One who loved her dearly,
Fannie Owens, Dillon, S. C.

HATFIELD

Sister Vesta Hatfield died Sept. 26, at Lexington, Ky. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Fonda, Ky. her remains laid to rest in the Fork Ridge Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by Brother E. W. Anderson.

She leaves a father, husband and 3 children to mourn her loss. She will be greatly missed but our loss is heaven's gain.

One who loved her,
Mildred Medley,
Fork Ridge, Tenn.

Enjoys Testimonies in Evangel

PLEASANT HILL, Tenn.—I want to praise my Saviour through the Evangel. It is so sweet to read the testimonies of others. It causes us to breathe a word of prayer for those who desire prayer. It makes us rejoice to read its pages and know so many have the victory. Well, praise the Lord.

I want to thank God too, for His healing power.
A sister looking for Jesus.
Anna Steelmon.

Only 12 Years Old

I want to thank God for victory over sin and the devil, the great deceiver. I thank Him that He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and added me to the dear old Church of God.

I am only twelve years of age, but I mean by His great help to serve Him. I desire the prayers of God's children that I may stay humble at His feet.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Joe Gibbs.

The Lord Made Home Happy
PULASKI, Va.—I would like to have space in the columns of the Evangel to tell of God's goodness to me. I praise Him for saving my soul from a life of sin, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, that guides us into all truth. Bless His dear name.

I praise God for the dear little Evangel which is food to my soul. I read of the wonderful work people are doing for the Lord, and it really makes my soul hunger and thirst to get out and work for Him.

I have only been in this way a short time, and I surely praise God for the peace I have had since I started. Oh it is wonderful to serve the Lord and just let Him have His way with you. The way grows brighter each day. It makes me want to go on and see what the end will be.

I would like to tell my whole experience but time and space will not permit. How the Lord came in our home, and turned our card parties into prayer meetings. He has made our home so happy. Oh I cannot praise Him enough.

Please pray for me that I may get closer to God, for I want to be a blessing to some poor soul.

Mrs. W. H. Martin.

Revival On At Ridgeway, Ill.

I praise God for what He has done for me. He saved me when about 14 years old and I stayed in the Social Brethren Church about 3 years. I was a licensed exhorter.

The Lord sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I have been in the gospel work about 9 years, not in active ministry all the time but a part of the time. I am praying to get to the place that I can be in His service more.

Well, I belong to the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., with F. J. Lee, General Overseer and G. A. Fore as our State Overseer of Ill. and Ky.

I praise God for the good services we are having at Ridgeway, Ill. conducted by the writer and T. J. Milligan, Pastor of Ridgeway Church. I believe the drought is over. There has been 1 saved, 1 sanctified and 3 received the Holy Ghost.

Come on boys, we believe Ridgeway is coming to the front. The meeting is still going on with good interest and we see no end yet.

Yours in the Lord's service.
C. E. Johnson,
Eldorado, Ill.

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